

## House Republican Press Release

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### **Rep. Winkler Honored by Statewide Parenting Organization**



State Representative Lenny T. Winkler, R-Groton, was honored today by the Shared Parenting Council of Connecticut (SPC) at a ceremony at the State Capitol. The organization bestowed its 'Outstanding Legislator' award on Rep. Winkler during the event.

The SPC works with Legislature, nonprofit groups and lobbying groups to promote changes in Connecticut's judicial system that will better serve children. Rep. Winkler is a longtime member of the Legislature's Judiciary Committee.

The Parenting Council's Board of Directors voted unanimously to honor Rep. Winkler with the award at a meeting last July. It cited her support for Public Act 05-258, enacted in 2005, which made several changes in child custody, support, and visitation statutes to better address the needs of children.

"I am very honored to have been recognized by the parenting council on behalf of children, who are Connecticut's most vulnerable citizens," said Rep. Winkler. "I encourage them to continue to promote efforts on these issues. It is often difficult to pass a significant reform bill in one legislative session but persistence has often paid off when trying to address sensitive topics."